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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 151**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ma**  
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 151—Relative to ~~In-Home Supportive Services~~ *in-home supportive services*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 151, as amended, Ma. ~~In-Home Supportive Services~~. *In-home supportive services*.

This measure would declare the intent of the Legislature to ensure the preservation of home care services to the elderly, blind, and disabled and personal care services to seniors and people with disabilities through the In-Home Supportive Services program.

Fiscal committee: no.

1     *WHEREAS, For over a quarter century California has provided*  
2     *home care and personal assistance services to seniors and people*  
3     *with disabilities through a unique, consumer-directed, fiscally*  
4     *sound program called the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)*  
5     *program; and*

6     *WHEREAS, The IHSS program was signed into law by Governor*  
7     *Ronald Reagan in 1973 to avoid unnecessary institutionalization*  
8     *and help IHSS program consumers to live independently in the*  
9     *community; and*

1     WHEREAS, *The IHSS program has become nationally*  
2     *recognized as the preferred way to provide assistance to people*  
3     *who need long-term care, and is now being replicated in other*  
4     *states; and*

5     WHEREAS, *The IHSS program is a prime example of the*  
6     *home-based, long-term care solutions that were the focus of*  
7     *President George W. Bush’s “New Freedom Initiative” in 2001;*  
8     *and*

9     WHEREAS, *According to the State of California IHSS*  
10    *Management Statistics Summary, dated February 2010, the IHSS*  
11    *program serves nearly 450,000 California residents who qualify*  
12    *for services because of functional limitations and financial need;*  
13    *and*

14    WHEREAS, *The average per capita cost of services under the*  
15    *IHSS program is one-fifth of the average per capita cost to*  
16    *taxpayers of nursing homes; and*

17    WHEREAS, *The IHSS program is acknowledged as the reason*  
18    *California has a relatively low number of people in nursing homes*  
19    *and other institutions; and*

20    WHEREAS, *The IHSS program is key to fulfilling the civil rights*  
21    *of Californians with disabilities to live in the most integrated*  
22    *settings, as affirmed by the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act*  
23    *and the 1999 United States Supreme Court Olmstead decision;*  
24    *and*

25    WHEREAS, *Nearly 370,000 IHSS providers deliver the home*  
26    *care services and support to make it possible for California seniors*  
27    *and people with disabilities to remain living independently in their*  
28    *homes; and*

29    WHEREAS, *Numerous national organizations join together*  
30    *annually to declare the month of November as National Home*  
31    *Care Month, to recognize, honor, and support the valuable*  
32    *contributions of home care and personal assistance workers; and*

33    WHEREAS, *The work of California’s IHSS providers is essential*  
34    *to the independence of seniors and persons with disabilities in*  
35    *California and thus deserves the respect and appreciation of all*  
36    *Californians; now, therefore, be it*

37    RESOLVED, BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
38    CALIFORNIA, THE SENATE THEREOF CONCURRING, *That*  
39    *the Legislature of the State of California hereby declares its intent*  
40    *to ensure the preservation of home care and personal assistance*

1 *services to seniors and people with disabilities through the*  
2 *In-Home Supportive Services program; and be it further*

3 *RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit*  
4 *copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

5 *WHEREAS, For over a quarter century California has provided*  
6 *home care services to qualifying residents through a unique, fiscally*  
7 *sound alternative to institutional care; and*

8 *WHEREAS, California's home care program, In-Home*  
9 *Supportive Services (IHSS), was signed into law by Governor*  
10 *Ronald Reagan in 1973 to provide care to elderly, blind, and*  
11 *disabled Californians, to avoid their premature institutionalization*  
12 *and allow consumers to live independently in the community at a*  
13 *lower cost than institutional care; and*

14 *WHEREAS, IHSS is recognized nationally as the preferred way*  
15 *to provide assistance to people who need long-term care, and is*  
16 *now being replicated in other states; and*

17 *WHEREAS, IHSS has been nationally praised as a model state*  
18 *program for helping elderly blind, and disabled persons, live*  
19 *independently, and is a prime example of the home-based,*  
20 *long-term care solutions that were the focus of President George*  
21 *W. Bush's "New Freedom Initiative" in 2001; and*

22 *WHEREAS, According to the State of California IHSS*  
23 *Management Statistics Summary, dated February 2010, IHSS*  
24 *serves nearly 460,000 aging, disabled, and blind California*  
25 *residents at one-fifth of the cost to taxpayers as care provided in*  
26 *nursing homes; and*

27 *WHEREAS, Nearly 375,000 IHSS caregivers provide the home*  
28 *care services and support to make it possible for these aging,*  
29 *disabled, and blind residents to remain living independently in*  
30 *their homes; and*

31 *WHEREAS, Numerous national organizations join together*  
32 *annually to declare the month of November as National Home*  
33 *Care Month, to recognize, honor, and support the valuable*  
34 *contributions of home care workers; and*

35 *WHEREAS, Providing services and support to the aging,*  
36 *disabled, and blind to remain living in their homes is a humane,*  
37 *dignified, and compassionate alternative to hospitalization or other*  
38 *institutional placement; and*

39 *WHEREAS, The work of California's IHSS caregivers is both*  
40 *physically demanding and emotionally challenging, as it requires*

1 great sensitivity, honesty, patience, trust, commitment, dedication,  
2 and compassion; and

3 WHEREAS, California's IHSS program and its caregivers  
4 promote independence, dignity, and quality of life for California's  
5 disabled and elderly residents; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
7 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California  
8 hereby declares its intent to ensure the preservation of home care  
9 services to the elderly, blind, and disabled through the In-Home  
10 Supportive Services program; and be it further

11 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
12 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.